I have said these things --- To keep you from falling away

Joh 16:1 ESV "I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.

- Mat 13:20-21 ESV As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet <u>he has no root</u> in himself, but <u>endures for a while</u>, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, <u>immediately he falls away</u>.
- Joh 6:60-66 ESV ... 61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ...66 After this many of his disciples turned back and <u>no longer</u> <u>walked with him</u>.

I have said these things -- warnings about rejection / persecution / not always easy

2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. 3 And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. *"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.*

• John 15:20-27 - persecution that would come and Holy Spirit that will be with them

It is to our advantage -- The necessity of the Holy Spirit

5 But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: <u>it is to your</u> <u>advantage that I go away</u>, for if I do not go away, <u>the Helper</u> will not come to you. But <u>if I go, I will send him</u> to you.

- Acts 4:29 prayed for boldness-filled with Spirit Acts 7:55 Stephen full of the Spirit
- Luke 12:11-12 the spirit will tell you in that hour what to say

Still many things to say, -- You can't bear them now -- The Spirit will guide you

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but <u>you cannot bear them now</u>. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

I have said these things -- that in me you may have peace

30 Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." 31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. **33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.** In the **world you will have tribulation**. But take heart; **I have overcome the world**."

Summary: Jesus does not want us to fall away. Jesus desires that we are with him for the long haul...

- 1. Are you prepared to endure hardship? Persecution? Offense? Are you rooted in Christ?
- 2. **Rooted** Col 2:6-7 ESV Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
- 3. Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? (Wait in Jerusalem)
- 4. Do you have His peace or is the tribulation of this world causing fear and anxiety?
- 5. He does not always remove us from trouble He gives us His Spirit and His peace in the midst